

## SNIPPETS #14 FEBRUARY, 2011

We all had one in high school. It wasn't a choice and we had to live with what we got. It was a necessary part of high school, back in the day. For some of us it was a constant source of pain. For some it was a door to the future. For me it was a blessing. Of course I am talking about our division teachers. I was one of the lucky ones who got to spend 4 years with **Mr. Robert Spies**. He was the band director and a no nonsense kind of guy. The first day of school he chose **Barry Wolfe (65)** as division secretary. I'm pretty sure that was Barry's first foray into management. His reign was short lived and he got transferred to another division. I have no idea why Mr. Spies chose me as the secretary. I was a mousy little girl who sat in the back, stayed out of trouble and was afraid of everything. Maybe he sensed my fear. He taught me to take attendance, sign his name on admits, read the bulletins, collect money and be sure everyone knew what was going on. I LOVED IT! He said I signed his name better than he did. He helped me fit into high school. I respected and admired his talent and calm nature. I have thought of him often and will always regret that I never saw him again after graduation. This winter **Mr. Robert Spies** passed away. He probably never knew what a great impact he had on my life. This issue is dedicated to Mr. Spies and all of our division teachers. Wherever you are Mr. Spies, thank you!

**Carol Kwalwasser Rubin (65)** has enjoyed reading about old friends. She spent a wonderful time vacationing last summer with her family in Cape Cod. About a year ago she ran into **Sharon Ferst Newman (65)** at a synagogue in Deerfield. We would love to hear more of your news Carol and more about Sharon also.

**Marlene Meyer Saltzman (65)** would like to say hello to the class of June 65. She and her husband of 41 years make their home in Tuscon, Arizona. They moved there in 1977, but make frequent trips back to Chicago. She is still waiting to hear from Marcia. Let us know how that goes. Marlene really enjoyed the reunion pictures. Seeing **Bill Pollakov** brought back many memories.

**Dennis Schnell (65)** recently spent time in Branson, Missouri for his ship's reunion. He served on the USS Princeton LPH-5. He had a great time visiting with his old Navy buddies. Dennis wants to say hi to **Kathy Griggs**. They went to the same church in Chicago and she wrote to him when he was in the Navy. I think I met her at our Bateman reunion back in 1967. There are lots of good memories there.

**Debbie Gore Averbook (68)** is enjoying the newsy and fun information about all of our classmates. Good to hear from you Debbie. What are you up to these days?

**Ben Brener** (65) had an exciting September. He took his sister **Suzy Brener Asher**, married to **Jack Asher** (65) to Israel for a family wedding. What a memorable way to spend time together.

**Howie Bengelsdorf** (67) was unable to attend the RHS all year reunion but he sends his best to everyone. He was on the tennis team with **Carl Satterfield** (65) and considers him one of Roosevelt's great athletes. He remembers him quarterbacking in the mid 60's. Howie hopes to reconnect with Carl sometime. Congratulations to Howie and family on the marriage of his older daughter this past October and also his younger daughter in August.

**Gail Leider Larsen** (65) and her husband Larry went on a cruise of the Norwegian Fjords last summer. She thoroughly enjoyed the RHS all year reunion. Gail sees **Randi Zoot** (65), **Judy Costa Werner** (65) **Ferne Abrams Pacillo** (65) and **Mike Fainman** (65) regularly. When **Rick Eisenstaedt** (65) is in town she parties with him also. Gail and **Krista Olson Benisek** (65), Senior Class Prom Queen, recently enjoyed a nice visit over lunch. Sounds like Gail is having lots of reconnecting fun.

**Charlene Greenberg Marcus** (63) says hi to everyone and still enjoys reading Snippets. Charlene and **Maureen Cohen Fox** (65) have known each other for over 30 years. Their kids went to Hebrew School together and they share some friends. Small world isn't it? We would love to hear more of your news Charlene.

**Geri Picker David** (66) says hi. She wants everyone to know that **Ginger Herman Goldman** (66) can be found with her in Las Vegas. It's nice that they see each other often.

**Carol Brownstein** (Von Steuben) has a friend named Eva. Eva would love to hear news about the Billy who was very cute and interested in her in high school. She would also like to hear about **Wayne Newman**. He transferred to Mather and was in The Top Hats with **Louis White** (66) and **Sid Teppes** (66). If anyone can find him it would be Snippets readers. The mystery begins.

**Leba Glicksman Schwartz** (65) was sorry she couldn't attend the all year reunion but says hi to everyone. Please keep Leba and her husband Joe in your prayers. We wish them a healthy 2011.

I was pleasantly surprised to hear from **Joel Busse (62)**. He says hi to all his Volta and Roosevelt friends. He remembers Maury's for hot dogs, fries and basketball gossip. He remembers the back rows at the Terminal theatre during Saturday matinees, burgers with grilled onions at Pataki's, shooting baskets at Eugene Field and playing "Capture the Flag" on warm summer nights. He was in the Anacondas and went to KJS Hebrew School. Was Rabbi Gross really the bear he remembers? Joel and his friends used to lag wallets on the sidewalks for pennies. **Barbara Aaron, Judy Becker, Susan Hirsch, Elaine Feinstein** and **Fern Zitler's** names bring back fond memories. He would love to hear their news. He would also love to hear from **Jimmy Navigato, Ricky Hoosin** and **David Mittleman**. A challenge has been issued. We all would love to hear from Joel's old friends. Joel attended Bradley University and then University of Illinois Medical School. He did his internship and medical residency in Montreal and his fellowship training in Radiation Oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital. In 2000, after living in Rockford for 25 years Joel, and his lovely wife Marian Berg (New Jersey), retired to Jupiter, Florida. They loved boating on the Great Lakes so sailing down the river system and across the Gulf to Florida was a must. Joel and Marian raised 4 wonderful children who all live in Washington, D.C. You guessed it; they spend the winter in Florida and summer in Washington where they keep their boat. They love spending time with their children and their 3 grandchildren. To keep the cruising kitty full Joel works part time doing locum teners work in Radiation Oncology in Wisconsin, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida. What a great way to spend your time. Thanks for sharing with us Joel.

We heard that **Laura Levin (65)** and **Veronica Kessler (65)** have reconnected in the great state of Washington. Way to go girls. Keep us up to date on your activities.

**Myra Steinman Wolf (65)** and **Mickey Wolf (62)** recently celebrated their 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary. They have a son who lives in Los Angeles and a married daughter who lives just a few miles from them with their adorable granddaughter. Myra works part time in their dental practice. She remains close with **Sylvia Rosenbush (65)**, **Rosanne Kolodanko (65)**, **Sandy Ourach Siegel (65)**, **Ferne Abrams Pacillo (65)**, and **Elaine Berman Slotnick (65)**. Mickey and Myra get together often with **Roy Keuver (64)** and **Linda Swedy Kuever (68)**. Sounds like you have a very busy life.

**Phil Burnstein (65)** is hoping to exchange emails with **Sheldon Gershon (65)** and do some catching up. Seems they were best buds at Roosevelt along with **Lynn Bilton (65)**. Hope your reconnection is everything you hope for.

**Mary Armello Kellenberger (65)** and **Saul Fuchs (65)** got together for coffee along with Saul's wife Miriam. For awhile they lived close to each other in Georgia. They chatted and had fun catching up. Saul really enjoyed spending time with Mary and hopes to reconnect with others. Mary says she has some gypsy in her blood, so where is she now? Mary and **Linda Matthes Shamblin (65)** couldn't make the reunion so they did their own on Facebook. They discovered a Facebook page for Patrick Henry Elementary School. They have posted classmates names and pictures from 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Take a look and enjoy your walk down memory lane. Thanks ladies!

**Penny Goldman (66)** would like to reconnect with **Elka Stampfer (66)**. If anyone can help, let us know. Penny remembers spending a lot of time in the Choir room with Mrs. Johnson. If you came late to the early morning rehearsals Mrs. Johnson would lock you out. You came on time or you were out of luck. When Penny was working for an attorney she saw Mr. Srill, a Roosevelt Geography teacher. They had a nice visit.

**Sherry Sugar Pritkin (65)** is putting together a reunion with her former club sisters, The La Medolas. She's been able to locate several girls, but still needs our help. Please contact me with any leads and I will pass them along to Sherry. She now lives in California and was very sorry she missed the October reunion. We missed you too Sherry! Can you help her find: **Fran Krisolofsky, Gail Schwartz, Marcia Marks, Barbara Zuchman Langer, Gail Leiff, Kathy Siegel, Ellen Silverstein and Francine Kling?**

Hi to everyone from **Susan Hazel Kwiatkowski (68)** and Bateman 64. There is a group of Roosevelt alumni who get together at Super Dawg in Wheeling to meet up with **David Friedman**. David attended Bateman and Roosevelt. We all remember his dad Mr. Friedman our orchestra director. Susan is hoping to reconnect with old friends.

**June Spira Weltman (64)** sends her greetings from Florida. She is the author of Mystery of the Missing Candlestick and winner of the Journeys for the Junior Historian Book Award, Florida Historical Society. This sounds like a great book for young adults ages 9-13. She joins us courtesy of **Sandy Silins (64)**. June remembers **Lynne Ohren Rosenthal (64)**, the school library and Miss Kelly. She lived on Sacramento close to Wilson and says the neighborhood looks really nice. She is currently living in Jacksonville, Florida. It's great to have you on board June.

Speaking of **Lynne Rosenthal Ohren (64)**, she recently became a snowbird and now spends her winters in Boca Raton, Florida. She likes to hang around the pool, go to flea markets, hang around the pool, visit with friends, hang around the pool and entertain. She would love to hear from other snowbirds and loves having company in Florida. You can call her at (561) 245-7921.

**Lynne Tatro Presley** would like to reconnect with her club sisters. We know you are out there.

**Randy and Susan Wortman** are joining us from Arizona. They were excited to find out about Merle's group of Chicago alumni who get together in the Los Angeles area. They would love to get together with anyone living in their part of the west.

We would like to extend a warm Snippets welcome to: **Gloria Salzberg Froman (68), Beatrice Salzberg Weiskopf (64), Alan Perlman (64), Joel Kerman (65), Carol Plambeck Gardner (64), Helen Rosenberg (64), Richard Freedman (59), Carol Ann Pooler Krodel (65), Bruce Nelson (65), Etta Meilach Greenfield (63), Jerry Rudnick (63), Rhoda Schwartz (67), Tobi Williams (69), Gayle Byzek Zis, Judy Fuchs Jacobson (66)**. I hope you are all enjoying the news in Snippets. We would like to catch up with you so send us your news.

We are happy to get some great news from **Len Olbinsky (67)**. In September he spent a week in London and Paris. It was a good trip, but he got hit hard by jet lag on the way home. The great news is that he has fully recovered from his difficult stem cell x-Plant. In November he went to his winter home in Las Vegas. Once again he would like to thank all his RHS friends who supported him last year. Jeanie, Carol, Judy, Howie, Mikey, Marty and everyone else who wished him well. That is great news Len, thanks for sharing.

**Elliot Solomon (65)** is now in his 4<sup>th</sup> year of retirement. He was a foreign currency trader. He and Sue have been married for 40 years and are the proud parents of Jamie 36, and Scott 33. Between traveling, golf and their 5 grandkids they are really enjoying this part of life. It's nice to hear from you Elliot.

**Jan Silvers (64)** was inspired to take out her mother's "Log" and visit the past. Her mom, **Marion Milgrom** was from the class of June 1942. Jan left Chicago to attend the University of Wisconsin in Madison and has been there ever since. She used to get together with **Lew Toppel** to share Albany Park stories. He is missed in Wisconsin and by all his Chicago friends.

**Cindie Shumway Waters (66)** is the Illinois Coordinator for Bullmastiff Rescue. She's sorry she missed the reunion but glad to hear we all had fun. For those inquiring minds she wants us to know that **Kathy Post (66)** married **Jim Hargrove** and **Jeanne Pozdol** married **Ed White** but they are now divorced. Cindie is looking forward to another Las Vegas reunion.

**Mike Wolstein (67)** enjoyed the Bateman pictures and was sorry he missed **Wally Miller** and **Jesse Romero**. It's not too late to start reconnecting.

**Joan Thomson Hayden** (53) heard about the all year reunion from her sister **Jill Thomson Blodgett** (64) who had a really good time. Joan married her first husband in 1955, had 3 children and sadly became a widow at 43. She centered her attention on the one child remaining at home for the next five years. As fate would have it she received an invitation for her 30 year class reunion and decided to attend. She reconnected with her former classmate **Carl Hayden** (53). Carl was divorced. Several weeks later he invited Joan to a Roosevelt all year reunion. Joan and Carl recently celebrated their 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They love reunions and are looking forward to another one. Way to go and congratulations! **Joyce Thomson Abbott** (50), Joan's older sister and hubby **Donn Abbott** (47) also send their regards to everyone.

Last August RHS alumni celebrated with a 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party for the classes of June 58 and Jan 59. It was held at Michael's in Highland Park and about 80 people attended. Sounds like fun.

**LaVerne Swanson Farina** (65) and her husband spent part of September in Germany and Italy visiting the family of their foreign exchange student. They had a terrific time celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her year with them. It's nice that you are staying in touch.

**Linda Rutherford Kostera** (66) missed the reunion to welcome her second grandchild, Reese, into the world. She has reconnected with **Anne and Marc Klowden** (66). She was glad to hear how much fun they had at the reunion. Sorry we missed you Linda, but welcome to Reese.

**Tom Sigrist** (65) has left the building, in Utah that is. He is now an Associate Professor at Midwestern Dental College in Glendale Arizona. He would love to reconnect with old friends. He says he feel like he won the lottery teaching dentistry to young people. Congratulations Tom on finding a job you love.

**Bobbie Lerner** (64) enjoys her Jewish 50+ chat room where she catches up with quite a few people from Albany Park and 3 generations of Rough Riders. She can still feel the school spirit and love of the neighborhood. For years she watched as people wrote about New York and Florida. Now Chicago and Albany Park are well represented in the room. She loves the chat room and exchanging stories.

**Ellen Passman (65)** thought the reunion was very special and she wouldn't be surprised if new friendships evolve. She will be catching up with **Judy Costa Werner (65)** and **Phyllis Gerber (65)** on her February trip to Florida. Ellen promises to report accordingly. Have an awesome visit and give the girls our best.

**Carol Oyen Pappas (66)** remembers some really fun times she had growing up in Albany Park. She hung out with **Jeanne Weisman Gold and Jackie Weisman Siegel (65)**, **Susan Goldberg Rohr (65)** and **Darlene Sanger (65)**. Hopefully she will share some of those memories with the rest of us.

**Michelle Villano Hernandez (66)** says hi to **Betty Reich Rouse (66)** and **Michael Pope**. All she can say is "WOW!"

**Hi to everyone from Sherwin Basil (60)**. We understand there was a RHS reunion for the Class of 1960 last October. Can anyone who was there contact me? Also if there are any photos available I would be glad to post them.

**Ron Berger (58)** would like to assemble a book of memories or remembrances of Coach Al Klein. You can contact him at [Rberger4@verizon.net](mailto:Rberger4@verizon.net). He is also working on a book about the Albany Park neighborhood and would like stories and memories from anyone who would be willing to email him. Good luck Ron.

**Lee Mishkin (68)** thought it was nice to see people from Roosevelt even though he didn't know many of them. For some reason he doesn't like winters anymore. He likes looking at snow, but not on his driveway or sidewalks. Oh, and he doesn't like cold weather either. Chicago is a great city, but I don't miss the weather at all. Stay warm Lee.

**Eugene Mitofsky(65)** and Liz are keeping busy with their 3D photography and reconnecting with people on Facebook. You can view Eugene's other hobby, woodworking at: <http://www.mitofsky.com/scrollsaw1/htm>. They continue their traveling ways with visits to Arizona, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Vancouver. Their daughter Andy is teaching electrical engineering at Trine University in northeast Indiana. She recently spoke at an engineering conference. Their other daughter Sandy is an associate director of commercial operations for a pharmaceutical company in Raleigh, North Carolina. She recently did the Washington, D.C. marathon and hiked around Mt. Blanc, Switzerland-France-Italy. Enjoy your busy lives and thanks for keeping us up to date.

**Barry Bishop (62)** keeps in contact with **Linda Rutherford Kostera(66)** and **Bob and Scott and Angel Sekerka Whalen (65)**. He wonders what's going on with **Bill Lindenthaler** and **George and Michael Pope**. If you are out there guys get in touch.

**Diana Goldman Gillick (65)** says hi to Steve Tadelman.

**Tommy Blais (66)** was quite taken with the photos from the reunion. He remembers **Jack Schwartz (66)** as “a totally independent, fearless and pound for pound a stick of dynamite. He didn’t have a lot of natural agility but made up for it with guts and intelligence.” Seems they were rivals for the quarterback position, but Jack was cool. This was post **Al Klein**, who made everyone think they were Dick Butkus. “Jack was a special guy, smart, tough, and determined to not let his size determine his fate. No fear! That was Jack!” Thanks for sharing Tommy.

**Kristin Kochanski Newton** loved the reunion photos and promised to share them with her sister **Dawn Kochanski Groh (65)**. Kristin is doing well and had both her kids home for Christmas. Her son Dan 21 lives in Knoxville, Tennessee and spends his time hiking, biking and camping. He is also a bike mechanic and an adventurer. Her daughter Jess 23, is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year law student at George Washington Law School. Kristin says she feels very lucky. You are blessed!

**Anne Ruda Lidsky (64)** would love to reconnect with friends from Jan and June 65. She was sorry to miss the reunion and hopes friends will find her. She has been married for 43 years and has 2 married daughters and 5 grandchildren. After living in Israel for 3 years they returned to the states and Ann got her PhD in Psychology. For the past 30 years she has been the Director of Education at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield, Illinois. She loves catching up with old friends and attending the January 65 breakfast group. Ann would love to hear news about **Penny Danette Siegel**. It’s great to hear from you Ann.

The reconnecting continues. In January **Norm Kanter (65)** met **Rick Eistenstaedt (65)**, **Al Rosenfeld (65)** and **Ellen Passman (65)** in Philadelphia. They had a wonderful, long, heimisch and a really fun dinner. After dinner, Rick, our resident Philadelphian, drove them to their respective destinations. It’s an event that definitely will be repeated. Thanks for sharing your adventure with us.

**Gloria Gurtz (65)** says hi to everyone. She is sorry she missed the reunion, but she really enjoyed the pictures and idea. Good to hear from you Gloria, keep in touch.

**Art Hoffman (64)** has been keeping busy making movies. He hopes you will check out his latest movie trailer on You Tube. After viewing it, you may be inspired to start, or resume your exercise program. Check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stzQ12CABTk> It's good to see you are staying out of trouble Art.

**Judy Rullo Hall (65)** has been very busy in the art world. She recently entered one of her paintings in the Annual Lombard Art Coalition Fine Art Show. Her painting "Woman At Beach" won first place. She will be participating in the Alliance of Fine Art Best of the Best Show at Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook, Illinois on March 26, 2011. Her first place win made her eligible to compete in Oak Brook. Judy would like to invite everyone to attend the Lombard Arts Coalition reception. This is a free event held at NUH Art Gallery on Sunday, February 27 from 1 to 3pm. You can tour the gallery, meet the artists and more importantly catch up with Judy. The gallery is inside Clinic Building B of National University of Health Sciences, 200 E. Roosevelt Road, Lombard, Illinois. Way to go Judy, Mrs. Bloomster would be so proud.

We are still looking for: **Carol Feldman (65), Despe Gianopulos (64), Cathy Cutinelli,(66), Lila Munoz (66), Bill Bergman, Marshall Roulette (65), Sharon Ferst (65), Robert Bliss (65), Robert Rann (65), Barbara Harris (Von 67), Nancy Kleitsch (65), Norm Comrov (65).**

It's not too late to join the classes of 65 and 66 for a Vegas get-away. They will be staying and meeting at the Mirage Hotel on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. This is not a closed party and everyone is invited. They will be meeting at the RHUMBAR lounge at the Mirage Friday and Saturday nights from 7-10. After 10 someone will come back to the RHUMBAR to scope out new attendees. The group is called the Party Gras. Now Vegas truly has it all: gambling, great food, great entertainment, and ROUGH RIDERS! If you are in Vegas be sure to check in at the RHUMBAR in the Mirage and get a healthy dose of nostalgia. If you live in Vegas, it will be easy for you to drop in and be the surprise guest. Reservations are not required. Contact me if you need more information.

The next all year Roosevelt reunion will be held October 2012 at the Monte Carlo Hotel in Las Vegas. Watch for more information.

If you live in the Los Angeles area you can attend an alumni dinner usually the third Monday of the month. These dinners are attended by people from RHS and many other Chicago schools. Please contact Merle for more information (818) 716-5267,

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Honored attorney **Kenneth Green** (56) and author of **I'm From Division Street** graduated from Roosevelt. He will be a featured speaker for student and staff at Roosevelt on Tuesday, May 3. You may arrive at 11am and meet with Ken. Ken became a public defender and defense attorney in California and an amateur boxer. He is listed among the Super Lawyers in California and has also been inducted into the California Boxing hall of Fame. He and his wife Maureen reside in Sherman Oaks, California and have a condo in Chicago. He currently practices criminal defense law and is the legal advisor to the California Professional Boxing Referees. His book paints a vivid picture of the old neighborhood and his life during the 40's, 50's and 60's. Follow his journey from Humboldt Park to Roosevelt High School. Please check out his website for more information: [www.kengreenesq.wordpress.com](http://www.kengreenesq.wordpress.com) . You can also see him on: Monday, May 2 on the WGN-TV midday news at 11:30; Tuesday evening, May 3 at 7pm at the Evanston Public Library; Wednesday May 4 at 8pm at Congregation Bnai Shalom in Buffalo Grove. Welcome to Snippets Ken.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Roosevelt High School Sports Hall of Fame will be held on Friday, May 6, 2010 at the high school. Eleven former RHS sports stars will be inducted. The evening will begin at 7pm and will include dinner. Tickets are \$60 each. Each inductee will receive a plaque with their high school picture, year of graduation and the sports they played. Everyone is invited and welcome. Please contact **Arnie Kamen** (847) 432-2773 for more information. Please join us in honoring:

**Eugene Deutch** January 1943 – Basketball  
**Jerry Wexler** June 1943 – Basketball  
**Julian (Peewee) Shaps** January 1944 – Basketball  
**Fred Ruben** June 1944 – Baseball & Coach  
**Harold Brownstein** June 1955 – Football  
**Bruce Bunkenberg** January 1956 – Basketball  
**John Emirch** June 1962 – Football  
**Guy Tardi** 1974 – Football & Baseball  
**Ed Solis** 1986 – All Around Athlete  
**Robert Isaac** 1985 – Soccer Sweeper  
**Carlos Ceja** 1993 – Swimming

You are also invited to join us on May 20, 2011 at Roosevelt for the musical **Once on This Island**, a Tony award nominated musical written by Lynn Ahrens with music by Stephen Flaherty. There will be a preshow gathering at RHS in room 117 with appetizers and refreshments at 5:30. The show will begin at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 each. You may contact Arnie Kamen (847) 432-2773 for more information. For more Athletic Fund news check out the website at: [www.roosevelthschicago.org](http://www.roosevelthschicago.org)

Thanks for joining me on this walk down memory lane and for sending in your news. Please feel free to share Snippets and my email address with anyone who is interested. Finding friends and sharing their news continues to put a smile on my face, and I hope on yours also. I wish you all a safe and healthy 2011. Flora Schwartz Chamberlain RHS June 65. [Flora47@aol.com](mailto:Flora47@aol.com).

“What if the Hokey Pokey really is what it’s all about?”